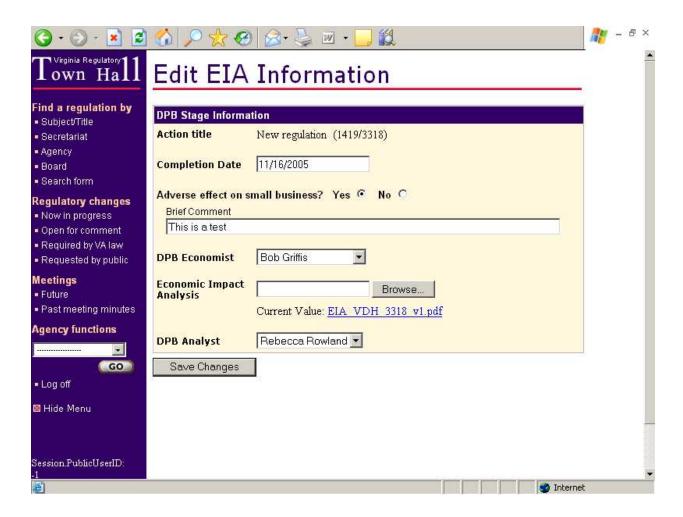
How the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (<u>www.townhall.virginia.gov</u>) has been modified to implement the small business legislation (Chapter 619 and 682, 2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly):

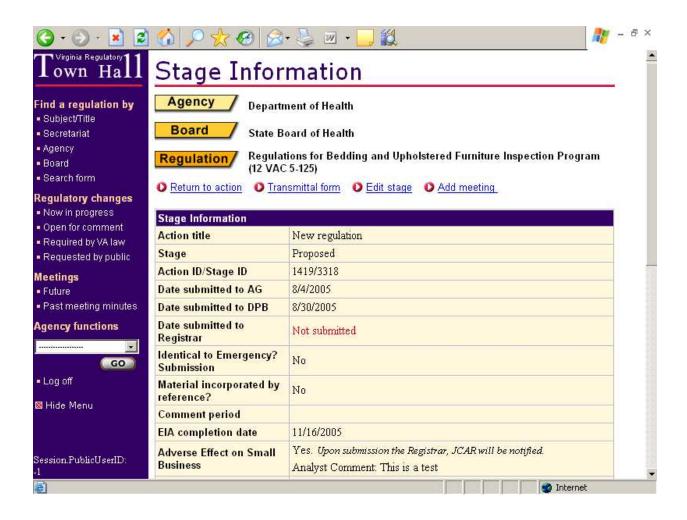
When a DPB economist uploads his economic impact analysis (EIA) on the Town Hall in connection to a proposed/fast-track regulation, he will check "yes" or "no" where it says (as indicated on the "Edit EIA Information" page below),

Adverse effect on small business? Yes No

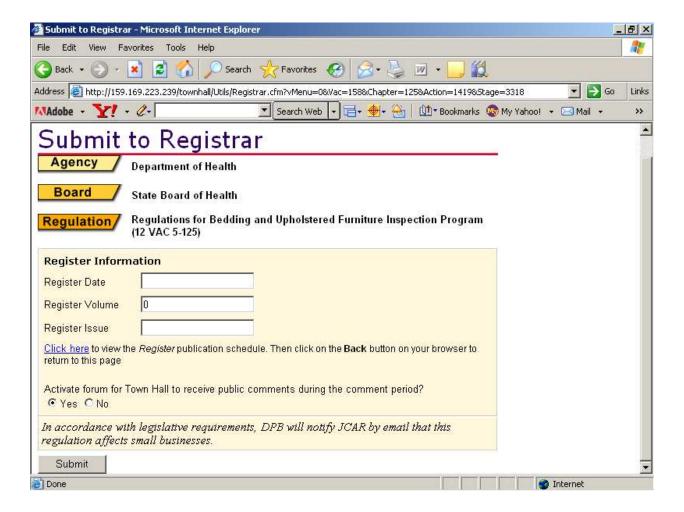
In addition, the economist may add a brief comment explaining the reason(s) why the regulatory proposal may have an adverse effect on small businesses. This comment will be forwarded to JCAR (along with other regulatory information) if it is determined that a regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses.



If the regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, DPB will inform the agency directly, however, this information will also be available on the "Stage Information" page of the Town Hall (near the bottom) so that an agency knows that, as the regulatory proposal is currently drafted, JCAR will be notified when the proposed/fast-track regulatory stage is submitted electronically to the Virginia Registrar.



At the time the agency submits the proposed/fast-track regulatory stage to the Registrar for publication, the agency will again receive notice that JCAR will be notified. Specifically, it will say at the bottom of the "Submit to Registrar" page: "In accordance with legislative requirements, DPB will notify JCAR by email that this regulatory action affects small businesses."



At the moment the agency submits the regulatory package to the Registrar for publication, the Town Hall will automatically send email notification to JCAR (through Elizabeth A. Palen at epalen@leg.state.va.us). The format of this email will be similar to the following:

The Department of Health has submitted a regulation for publication in the Virginia Register. DPB has concluded that this regulation may have an adverse effect on small businesses.

[Economist's comment] This is a test.

Please see DPB's Economic Impact Analysis Document for more information. (<u>Link to Stage Information and Documents</u>)

BOARD NAME: State Board of Health

SECRETARIAT: Health and Human Resources

VAC NUMBER: 12 VAC 5-125

CHAPTER TITLE: Regulations for Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Inspection Program

ACTION TITLE: New regulation

STAGE: Proposed

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/12/2005

*It is possible that, at some point after the publication of the proposed stage, a rulemaking body could make new significant changes to a regulatory proposal that would have an adverse impact on small businesses. DPB will also notify JCAR in these cases.